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Construction of a flood bank near Cuddalore.

* 220 *Q.*—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a proposal in 1945–46 to construct a flood bank in between Gadilam and Pennar rivers near Cuddalore to avert the danger to the town by flood; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon and at what stage it is at present?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) There was no such proposal in 1945–46. But a proposal was initiated in 1947.

" (*b*) The proposal was deferred in 1951 on account of the poor finances of the State at that time. The proposal has since been revived and the Government are awaiting a report from the Chief Engineer."

New canal from Tiruvendipuram Anicut to Kondangi Lake Cuddalore.

* 221 *Q.*—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned by the Government to dig a new canal from Thiruvendipuram anicut (Asiperiyamkuppam) to Kondangi lake, Cuddalore;

(*b*) whether the work has been taken up for execution;

(*c*) if so, when it will be completed; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to deepen the Kondangi lake as well?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) A scheme for diversion of the Kondangi tank supply channel from M-2—F-4 of the Thiruvendipuram main channel to first above the road culvert at M3 F3 by about 40 feet has been sanctioned under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,000 for works.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) Expected to be completed by 31st March 1955.

" (*d*) There is no proposal at present to silt-clear the tank."

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU :—" இரண்டு மாதங்களுக்கு முன்னதாக அந்த வாய்க்கால் வெட்டப்பட்டுவந்து இப்பொழுது திடீரென்று நிறுத்தப்பட்டதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The work is expected to be completed by 31st March 1955."